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BY FACSIMILE

The Honorable Carol M. Browner
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
401 M Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Browner:

It has come to my attention that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), together with the Iowa United Nations Association and the Stanley Foundation, is sponsoring a global warming conference at the Iowa Statehouse on Saturday, November 6, 1999.

The conference agenda does not appear to be on EPA's web site. I am concerned that this program, like so many other global warming conferences EPA has sponsored, may be a one-sided affirmation of the pro-Kyoto agenda under the guise of "education."

In House Report 106-286, accompanying the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2000, the House noted its concern that, "during the past year, the Agency may have strayed across the fine line separating education from advocacy." The Report stated that, "Although the Agency may under the current [Knollenberg] prohibition continue to conduct educational seminars and activities, it should ensure balance in those programs." The Report further observed: "Balance does not mean merely that there is an acknowledgment of viewpoints different from those of the Administration, but that qualified representatives of those viewpoints are included in the programs and in numbers roughly equal to the participants representing the Administration's positions. One dissenting voice in what is otherwise an obviously stacked or biased program does not constitute balance."

If EPA has not already invited qualified spokespersons for non-Administration viewpoints on the science and economics of global warming and the Kyoto Protocol, I

urge you to do so immediately. My staff would be happy to assist you in identifying such experts.

Because time is of the essence, I think it will be helpful to offer you a short list of excellent speakers who would make an outstanding contribution to the Iowa conference and future EPA global warming seminars. Those speakers are: Dr. Robert Balling, Office of Climatology, Arizona State University; Dr. Sallie Balliunas, George Marshall Institute; Dr. John Christy, Department of Atmospheric Science and Earth System Laboratory, University of Alabama in Huntsville; attorney Christopher Horner, Counsel, Cooler Heads Coalition; Dr. Keith Idso, Vice President, the Center for the Study of Carbon Dioxide and Global Change; Dr. Patrick Michaels, Department of Environmental Science, University of Virginia; Dr. Thomas Gayle Moore, Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution; Dr. Paul Reiter, Dengue Fever Branch, Centers for Disease Control; Dr. S. Fred Singer, President, Science and Environmental Policy Project; and, Dr. Margo Thorning, Senior Vice President, American Council for Capital Formation.

Mr. Horner has informed my staff that he is ready, willing, and able to make last-minute arrangements to participate in the Iowa conference, if EPA invites him. He can be reached at (202) 331-1010.

Pursuant to the Constitution and Rules X and XI of the United States House of Representatives, I request that you contact my staff immediately to explain what actions EPA is taking to ensure balance on the November 6th global warming conference in Iowa. The information requested should be delivered via telephone to Staff Director Marlo Lewis at 225-1962.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David McIntosh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being more prominent and the last name "McIntosh" following in a similar style.

David M. McIntosh

Chairman

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cc: The Honorable Dan Burton
The Honorable Dennis Kucinich
The Honorable Joe Knollenberg